

June 26, 2023

The Stillwater Township Board of Education met on June 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stillwater School Library for a Regular Board of Education Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Krista Galante, President, at 7:00 p.m. In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the time, date and location of this meeting was provided to the New Jersey Herald & Star Ledger on January 10, 2023. Notices were posted in the Stillwater School, Town Hall, Stillwater Post Office, Swartswood Post Office and the Stillwater School Website.

Mrs. Galante led the flag salute. The following Board members were present: Mrs. Galante, Mr. DeGroat, Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Frey, Mr. Franek, Mrs. Williver, and Mrs. Voris (arrived 7:02 pm).

Absent: Mrs. Valeich and Mrs. Thibault.

Also present were William Kochis, Superintendent, René Metzgar, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Marissa Cramer, Principal/Supervisor of CST and Special Education/Basic Skills, and members of the public.

BOARD BUSINESS

1. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Frey, to approve the Regular Board of Education meeting minutes and Executive Session Minutes from May 22, 2023. Motion approved by voice vote: Mrs. Galante- Aye; Mrs. Williver- Abstain; Mrs. Kraft-Aye; Mrs. Voris- Absent; Mrs. Frey- Aye; Mr. Franek-Aye; Mr. DeGroat-Aye.
2. Motion made by Mr. Franek, second by Mrs. Kraft to approve the May 31, 2023 Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports which balanced in the amount of \$2,338,987.49 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-16.10(c)3, we certify that as of May 31, 2023 after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. Motion approved by voice vote: Mrs. Galante- Aye; Mrs. Williver- Abstain; Mrs. Kraft-Aye; Mrs. Voris- Absent; Mrs. Frey- Aye; Mr. Franek-Aye; Mr. DeGroat-Aye.

Mrs. Voris arrived at the meeting at 7:02 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Kochis reported on the following items:

- Preschool Graduation & Orientation
- Memorial Service & Tree dedication for Mr. Frank Carchia
- 6th Grade Promotion
- Field Day & Preschool Field Day
- Actively getting ready for the 2023-2024 school year

- 2023-2024 Teacher shift placements
- Thanked Mr. Kurt Walton for being our Interim Assistant Principal.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Thanked Dr. Kochis and Mrs. Cramer for a smooth 2022-2023 school year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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None.

ACTION ITEMS:

PERSONNEL

1. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Kraft to accept with regret, the resignation of Sarah O'Brien effective June 30, 2023. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
2. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Frey, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to retroactively approve Colleen Hurley to be the after school nurse for 3 hours at a rate of \$34.00/hour during an after school club for May & June 2023. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
3. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Williver, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to retroactively approve Lindsay Amabile to be a substitute bus aide from May 22, 2023-June 30, 2023 to be paid a daily rate of \$17.17, as per timesheets submitted. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
4. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Williver, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to retroactively approve Killian Leahy to be a substitute bus aide from May 31, 2023-June 30, 2023 to be paid a daily rate of \$17.17, as per timesheets submitted. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

5. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Frey, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to retroactively approve a leave absence for employee #876 from May 20, 2023 to June 14, 2023. This leave is covered by FMLA and sick time may be used during this leave. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
6. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Kraft, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a leave absence for employee #933 from July 12, 2023 to July 28, 2023. This leave is covered by FMLA and NJFLA. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
7. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mr. Franek, to approve maternity leave for employee #906 beginning on August 30, 2023 with the intent to return on January 2, 2024. This leave includes 12 weeks covered by FMLA & NJFLA and 6 weeks additional weeks not covered by FMLA or NJFLA. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
8. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Kraft upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following 2023 summer custodians:

Name	Rate	Dates	Comments
Joshua Pappa	\$14.13/hour	July 5, 2023- August 16, 2023 (6 weeks)	Pending working papers
Peyton Saul	\$14.13/hour	July 6, 2023- August 16, 2023 (6 weeks)	Pending working papers
Aiden Bello	\$14.13/hour	July 5, 2023- August 16, 2023 (6 weeks)	Pending working papers
Michelle Bird	\$15.00/hour	July 5, 2023- August 18, 2023	N/A
Jennifer Siple	\$14.53/hour	July 31, 2023- August 25, 2023	N/A

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

9. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Williver, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the revised shared service contract for the 2023-2024 school year for the part-time Regional Curriculum Coordinator, Cali Roberts, at annual cost of \$64,738.36, split equally between Sandyston-Walpack, Fredon, Hampton, Stillwater, and Kittatinny Regional High School. The Stillwater Township Board of Education will serve as the LEA. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
10. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Frey, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to offer the following contract to the new non-tenured instructional staff members for employment for the 2023-2024 school year from August 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024, pending receipt of official transcripts, and criminal history & background check (attachments):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Laura Ciccolella	Makerspace (.81 FTE)	MA, 7	\$56,936.49
Jocelyn Barmore	Preschool	BA, 1	\$59,402
Debra Golder	Special Education (.75 FTE)	BA, 15	\$59,709

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

11. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Kraft, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following CST members to conduct summer evaluations at a rate of \$57.00/hour not to exceed 6 hours, paid through IDEA Basic Grant:

-Brienne Dennis
-Jessica Garrigan

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

12. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Williver, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following staff members to hold a Preschool Parent Event at a rate of \$34/hour, not to exceed 1 hour on July 11th (rain date July 13th):

-Christine Pagano
-Jocelyn Barmore
-Janessa Green

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

13. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Frey, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following graduate class at the New Jersey City University for Christine Pagano, reimbursement as per SEA contract:

<u>Title of Course</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Theory into Practice Language Acquisition and Constructing Meaning Across the Curriculum PreK-K	August 2023- Decemeber 2023	\$2,393

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

14. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Kraft, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitute teachers/paraprofessionals/main office secretaries for the 2023-2024 school year:

Nicole DiRienzo
Maureen Newman
Helen Sallitt
Heather Vivian
Danielle LoCascio
Holly DeStefano
Rebecca Pavlick
Sandro Mazzola
Maria Amella
Kamryn Polowy

Gina Capano
Katelyn Witowski
Kimberly Schwarz
Karnrawee (Ying) Timsawatdikul
Emily Perez

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

15. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Williver, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitute paraprofessionals/main office secretaries for the 2023-2024 school year:

Leighann Puccio
Maria Lewis

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

16. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mr. Franek, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitute nurses for the 2023-2024 school year:

Sandi Hryhor
Marianne Pavone

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

17. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Frey, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitute custodian for the 2023-2024 school year:

Kimberly Kampka- \$14.53/hour

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

18. Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mr. Franek, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitute custodian for the 2023-2024 school year:

-Glenn Eisenecker- \$16.50/hour

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

POLICY

1. Motion made by Mrs. Frey, second by Mr. Franek, to approve the second and final reading of the following revised policy:

Policy#5111 Admission

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

EDUCATION & CURRICULUM

1. Motion made by Mrs. Kraft, second by Mrs. Frey, to approve contract agreement from July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 with Sussex County Educational Services Commission, for a LDTC, Kathleen Grennan for an hourly rate of \$92.00 plus 3% admin fee for up to 15 hours per month. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
2. Motion made by Mrs. Kraft, second by Mr. DeGroat, to approve the alternate method of compliance, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3(h)4ii and 4iii, by providing a toilet room adjacent to or outside the Stillwater School Kindergarten classroom (Room A15) in lieu of individual toilet rooms in each classroom. Student use of the toilet room will be in line of sight by a faculty member to and from the bathroom. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.
3. Motion made by Mrs. Kraft, second by Mr. Franek, to approve the alternate method of compliance, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3(h)4ii and 4iii, by providing a toilet room adjacent to or outside the Stillwater School Preschool classroom (Room C14) in lieu of individual toilet rooms in each classroom. Student use of the toilet room will be in line of sight by a faculty member to and from the bathroom. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.
4. Motion made by Mrs. Kraft, second by Mrs. Williver, to adopt the attached curricula and textbooks for the 2023-2024 school year. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

1. Mrs. Metzgar provided an update on the following Building & Grounds items:
 - Exhaust Fan Replacement Project
 - 1941 Drainage Project
2. Motion made by Mr. Franek, second by Mr. DeGroat, to approve building and use calendar for July 2023. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
3. Motion made by Mr. Franek, second by Mr. DeGroat, to retroactively approve the renewal of Michael Maggio's Black Seal boiler license for 3 years in the amount of \$160.00. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
4. Motion made by Mr. Franek, second by Mr. DeGroat, to award the base bid for the 1941 Drainage Improvements Project at the Stillwater Township School to Hear Construction for a base bid of \$190,000.
Furthermore, the board rejects the bids for Alternates 1, 2, and 3.
Bids:

Bidders	Base Bid	Alt. #1	Alt. #2	Alt. #3	Total
Ferraro Construction Corp.	No Bid Received				
Hear Construction	\$190,000	\$88,000	\$96,000	\$15,000	\$389,000
Mike Fitzpatrick Contractors	No Bid Received				

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

TRANSPORTATION

- Motion made by Mrs. Frey, second by Mr. Franek, to approve the attached listing of summer school bus routes & stops for the 2023 summer school program. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
- Motion made by Mrs. Frey, second by Mrs. Kraft, to approve renewal of transportation contracts with Stocker Bus Company for the 2023-2024 school year for the following summer school routes in the following amounts as listed:

Route	Prev. Yrs Cost	Aide	# of Days	CPI 5.86%	Inc/Dec Provision	Total renewal Cost
(8) ST 30	\$152.58	N/A	16	\$ 8.94	2.00	\$161.52
(8) ST 31	\$152.58	N/A	16	\$ 8.94	2.00	\$161.52

TOTAL ANNUAL COST \$5,168.64

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

- Motion made by Mrs. Frey, second by Mrs. Kraft, to approve renewal of transportation contracts with Stocker Bus Company for the 2023-2024 school year for the following routes and amounts as listed:

Route	Prev. yrs Cost	Aide	# OF Days	CPI 5.86%	Inc/Dec Provision	Total Renewal Cost
1	\$ 156,185.99	N/A	180	\$9,152.48	2.00	\$ 165,338.47
2	\$ 42,948.42	N/A	180	\$2,516.77	2.00	\$ 45,465.19
3	\$ 39,011.36	N/A	180	\$2,286.06	2.00	\$ 41,297.42

TOTAL ANNUAL COST \$252,101.08

Just a note: Route 1 includes ST5,ST6,ST8,ST9
Route 2 includes ST25
Route 3 includes ST7

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

- Motion made by Mrs. Frey, second by Mr. Franek, to approve renewal of school activities transportation contract with Stocker Bus Company for the 2023-2024 school year in the following amounts as listed:

Route	Prev. Yrs Cost	Aide	# of Days	CPI 5.86%	Inc/Dec	Total renewal Cost
FT19-20	\$6,339.08	0	180	\$ 371.34	0	\$6,710.42

TOTAL ANNUAL COST **\$6,710.42***

*Stillwater will only be charged for attended trips.

ID Number	Destination	Departure/Return	Basis of Bus	Renewal Cost	NJSA 18A:39-3	Total
FT19-20-1	Ideal Farms, Lafayette, NJ	9:00 am/ 2:00 pm	54 Passenger school bus	\$310.90	\$18.22	\$329.12
FT19-20-2	Sussex Fairgrounds, Augusta, NJ	9:00 am/ 12:30 pm	54 Passenger school bus	\$226.58	\$13.27	\$239.85
FT19-20-3	Turtle Back Zoo, West Orange, NJ	8:45 am/ 2:30 pm	54 Passenger school bus	\$421.57	\$24.70	\$446.27
FT19-20-4	Crayola Factory, Easton, PA	8:45 am/ 2:30 pm	54 Passenger school bus	\$432.10	\$25.32	\$457.42
FT19-20-5	Rizzo's Wildlife World, Flanders, NJ	9:00 am/ 1:45 pm	54 Passenger school bus	\$353.05	\$20.68	\$373.73
FT19-20-6	Jockey Hollow, Morristown, NJ	8:40 am/ 2:30 pm	54 Passenger school bus	\$421.57	\$24.70	\$446.27
FT19-20-7	Quiet Valley, Stroudsburg, PA	8:40 am/ 2:30 pm	54 Passenger school bus	\$432.10	\$25.32	\$457.42
FT19-20-8	Kittatinny Regional HS, Newton, NJ	12:30 pm/ 2:15 pm	54 Passenger school bus	\$152.81	\$8.95	\$161.76
FT19-20-9	Kittatinny Regional HS, Newton, NJ	11:20 am/ 2:10 pm	54 Passenger school bus	\$237.12	\$13.89	\$251.01
FT19-20-10	KRHS, Newton, NJ (includes stop at Dairy Queen, Newton, NJ)	8:45 am/ 1:30 pm	54 Passenger school bus, additional stop at Dairy Queen	\$295.10	\$17.29	\$312.39
FT19-20-11	High Point Regional High School, Sussex, NJ	8:45 am/ 2:30 pm	54 Passenger school bus	\$353.05	\$20.68	\$373.73
FT19-20-12	Lafayette Township School, Lafayette, NJ	8:30 am/ 2:00 pm	54 Passenger school bus	\$342.51	\$20.07	\$362.58
FT19-20-13	Fredon School, Newton, NJ	8:30 am/ 11:00 am	54 Passenger school bus	\$173.88	\$10.18	\$184.06
FT19-20-14	Sandyston-Walpach School, Layton, NJ	8:30 am/ 11:00 am	54 Passenger school bus	\$173.88	\$10.18	\$184.06
FT19-20-15	McKeown School, Newton, NJ	12:00 pm/ 2:00 pm	54 Passenger school bus	\$173.88	\$10.18	\$184.06
FT19-20-16	Kittatinny Regional HS, Newton, NJ	8:45 am/ 1:00 pm	54 Passenger school bus destination	\$263.47	\$15.43	\$278.90
FT19-20-17	Fairview Lake YMCA, Stillwater, NJ	2:35 pm/ N/A - parent pick up	54 Passenger school bus, one way only	\$79.03	\$4.63	\$83.66
FT19-20-18	Sussex Tech, Sparta, NJ	8:25 am/ 2:30 pm	54 Passenger school bus	\$353.05	\$20.68	\$373.73

FT19-20-19	Sparta HS, Sparta, NJ	8:25 am/ 2:30 pm	54 Passenger school bus	\$353.05	\$20.68	\$373.73
FT19-20-20	Sparta HS, Sparta, NJ	8:45 am/ 11:00 am	54 Passenger school bus	\$173.88	\$10.18	\$184.06
FT19-20-21	Sussex Tech, Sparta, NJ	8:45 am/ 11:00 am	54 Passenger school bus	\$173.88	\$10.18	\$184.06
FT19-20-22	Kittatinny Regional HS, Newton, NJ	9:25 am/ 11:50 am	54 Passenger school bus	\$184.42	\$10.80	\$195.22
FT19-20-23	Hills House, Hackettstown, NJ	8:45 am/ 12:45 pm	54 Passenger school bus	\$258.20	\$15.13	\$273.33

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

BUDGET & FINANCE

1. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mrs. Frey, to approve regular checks from May 23, 2023-June 26, 2023 numbered 28784-28849, N0531, N0605, N0613, N0614, N0619, for a total of \$783,781.03. Cafeteria check number 2693-2694, in the amount of \$25,937.86, Student activity checks numbered 6656-6663 in the amount of \$1,872.00. For a grand total of \$811,590.89. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
2. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mr. Franek, to approve the attached list of purchase orders over \$1,000 for 2022-2023 school year. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
3. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mrs. Kraft, to approve monthly travel as attached. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
4. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mrs. Frey, to approve transfers from May 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023 as attached. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
5. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mr. DeGroat, to accept the funds in the amount of \$6,660 from the School Climate Change Grant application for FY2023. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
6. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mr. DeGroat, to authorize the submission of the ESEA Grant applications for FY2024, and accepts the grant award of these funds upon subsequent approval of the FY2024 application as listed:
 - Title I, Part A- \$36,168
 - Title II, Part A- \$4,200
 - Title IV- \$10,000
 A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

7. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mrs. Frey, to authorize the submission of the IDEA Part B and IDEA Preschool Grant application for FY2024, and accept the grant award of these funds upon subsequent approval of the FY2024 application as listed:

IDEA Part B- \$79,903
IDEA Preschool-\$5,919

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

8. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mrs. Frey, to accept the donation of \$18.00 from Elaine Makarevich to assist in a payment for a student cafeteria balance. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
9. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mrs. Kraft, to approve the transfer from general fund to capital reserve in the amount of \$41,860.92 for construction projects under budget and/or not completed for FY23. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
10. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mr. Franek, to approve the transfer from general fund to maintenance reserve in the amount of \$50,154.04 for maintenance projects under budget for FY23. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.
11. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mrs. Kraft, to accept the following 2023 summer tuition students:

<u>Sending District</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Tuition Cost</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>
Fredon	0411201	\$850	PSD
Fredon	0411202	\$850	PSD
Fredon	080819	\$850	PSD
Fredon	082217	\$850	K-6 SpEd
Fredon	040617	\$850	K-6 SpEd
Fredon	031017	\$850	K-6 SpEd
Fredon	011114	\$850	K-6 SpEd
Fredon	051715	\$850	K-6 SpEd
Fredon	091214	\$850	K-6 SpEd
Fredon	010414	\$850	K-6 SpEd

A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

12. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mr. DeGroat, to approve resolution for Report of Awarded Contracts:

Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Stillwater Township Board of Education intends to renew, award, or permit to expire the following contracts previously awarded by the board of education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18. et.seq, NJAC Chapter 23, and Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements 2CFR, Part200 as per attached list. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

13. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mr. DeGroat, to approve resolution transfer of current year surplus to capital reserve:

WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:21-2, NJSA 18A:7G-31, and NJSA 18A:7F-41 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer unanticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the general fund into a Capital Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that (an amount not to exceed) \$500,000 is available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

14. Motion made by Mrs. Williver, second by Mr. DeGroat, to approve resolution transfer of current year surplus to maintenance reserve:

WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:21-2, NJSA 18A:7G-31, and NJSA 18A:7F-41 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer unanticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the general fund into a Maintenance Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that (an amount not to exceed) \$220,000 is available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Kraft reported on the following:

-On June 15th various Assembly committees met to advance several PreK-12 education bills, including measures to provide universal free school lunch over the course of five years, and to establish various procedures and standards for privatizing school district services. In addition, the Senate held a voting session on June 20th and voted to repeal the state residency requirement for school employees and other proposals aimed at alleviating staffing shortages.

-On May 25th I attended the Sussex County School Boards Association Meeting which was held at the Newton Country Club. A brief legislative update was provided highlighting the package of bills being reviewed regarding the teacher shortage issue. In addition, several awards were given that evening recognizing several local district board members serving 10-35 year milestones. A special award was given in memory of Eleanore Shaffer and her 50 years of service and was received by Kittatinny's board president. Finally, the new SBA slate of officers were elected into office. Their term will be in effect through 2025.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Mrs. Voris reported on the following items:

- Soccer is Fun Program- July 10th-August 28th
- Stillwater Camp registration open at the Community Center
- Sussex County Library has many events for the summer!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board member required training- Due December 31, 2023.
2. NJSBA Conference Registration October 23-26, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

1. School Board Petitions due to the County Clerk's Office by July 31, 2023 by 4:00 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Galante

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None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by Mrs. Frey, second by Mrs. Kraft at 7:34 pm, the Stillwater Township Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 that said public body hold a closed session for the purpose of discussing Student Privacy and Superintendent Evaluation it is expected that the minutes taken of this closed session will be made public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Mr. Franek left the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Mr. Franek returned to the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Dr. Kochis, Mrs. Metzgar and Mrs. Cramer were excused from the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Dr. Kochis returned to the meeting at 7:53 pm.

Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Williver at 8:01 p.m. to come out of executive session and return to public session. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. DeGroat, second by Mrs. Frey to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



René Metzgar

Business Administrator/Board Secretary